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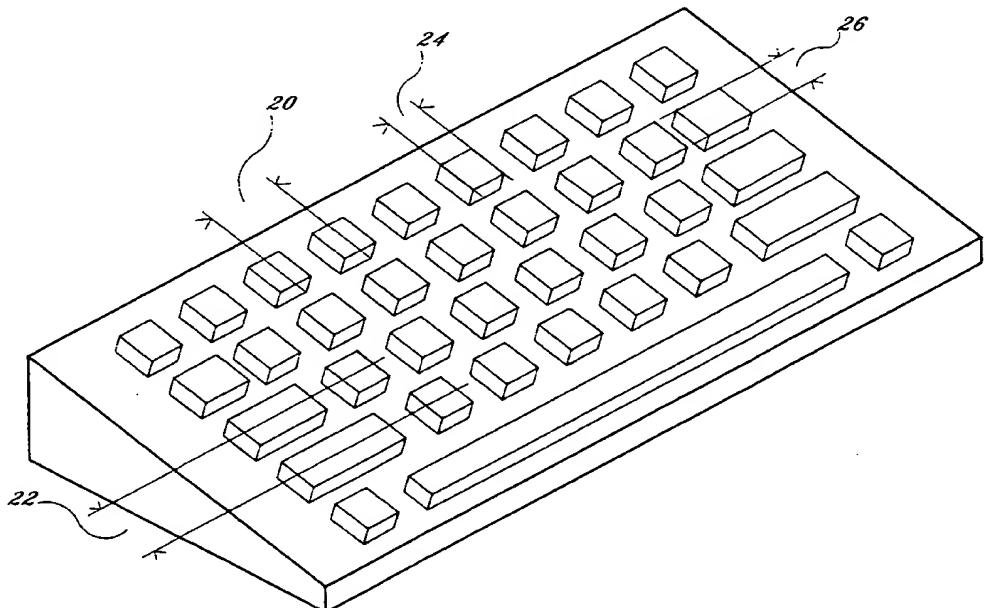
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(54) Title: INPUT APPARATUS FOR PEOPLE HAVING SMALL HANDS



(57) Abstract

Input apparatus scaled for non-adult humans and adult humans having small hands. The input apparatus are especially well suited for use as computer keyboards for use by schoolchildren. Also disclosed is a computing system including the input apparatus.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(5) : B41J 5/12

US CL : 400/472

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 341/21, 22; 404/472, 682

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

NONE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y P	US, A, 5,334,976, (WANG), 2 August 1994. See Fig.1, column 2 lines 32-41, and column 6 lines 15-16.	1-9
A	US, A, 3,940,758, (MARGOLIN), 24 February 1976.	1-9

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 12318/1	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages 1-11, as originally filed.

pages NONE, filed with the demand.

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims, Nos. NONE, as originally filed.

Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.

Nos. 1-9, filed with the letter of 10 July 1995.

Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings, sheets/fig 1, 2, as originally filed.

sheets/fig NONE, filed with the demand.

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sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE.

the claims, Nos. NONE.

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE.

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-9 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a keyboard having keys arranged with a horizontal key spacing, centerline to centerline, of 10.8 millimeters and 16.4 millimeters, and a vertical key spacing, centerline to centerline, of 10.8 millimeters to 18.0 millimeters.

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